

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **1. What Prerequisite courses do I need to have for the PT Program?**

The prerequisite courses are listed on our website. Please follow this link for direct access to the site.

<http://www.unf.edu/brooks/athletic-physical/pt.html#anchorpt2>

### **2. What if my prerequisites are older than 7 years?**

In most cases, prerequisites older than 7 years must be re-taken. However, in rare cases, exceptions may be made; please contact the department if you have questions regarding this policy (904-620-2841).

### **3. What degree does UNF's PT program offer?**

UNF only offers the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. The DPT is an entry level degree, and previous training as a physical therapist is not necessary.

### **4. Is UNF's DPT program accredited? Is UNF accredited?**

Yes, the Physical Therapy Program is accredited through the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) through 2013. The University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

### **5. Do you conduct interviews?**

Interviews are not part of the application process at this time.

### **6. Can you look at my transcript to see if I should apply?**

Unfortunately we are not staffed for this request. However, if you have specific questions about your grades prior to application please contact advising (904-620-2812).

### **7. If I have C's can I apply?**

Yes, as long as your science and prerequisite GPAs, as well as, your GPA over your last 60 credit hours are each a 3.0 or greater. Of course, a 3.0 GPA in each of these areas does not guarantee admission, these are just minimum requirements.

### **8. Do I need letters of recommendation?**

Yes, you need to submit two (two) references with your admissions packet. A reference form may be found on the PT Program's website as well as the Graduate School's website. Read all directions carefully.

**9. How many hours should I observe?**

You must have a minimum of 80 observation/volunteer hours under the supervision of a physical therapist.

**10. Is there a specific form for the person I am observing to complete?**

No, there is no form. However, you must submit confirmation of hours on clinic letterhead signed by the supervising physical therapist. Please have the supervising physical therapist include contact information.

**11. Can I have a tour of the department and campus?**

Yes, contact the department at 904-620-2841 to arrange a department tour. For a campus tour, follow this link:

<http://www.unf.edu/admissions/visitors/weekday.html>

**12. Can I speak to someone in the department?**

Yes, you may contact Dr. Allen Moore by e-mailing him at [a.moore@unf.edu](mailto:a.moore@unf.edu). Dr. Moore is a faculty member and the Chair of the Admissions Committee.

**13. Is there a specific undergraduate major I should pursue?**

No, we are proud of the diverse backgrounds our students possess. We only require that students complete all prerequisite coursework prior to enrollment.

**14. Can I work while in the program?**

As stipulated on our website: *"The physical therapy curriculum is rigorous and requires a substantial commitment of student time. Students will need to remain flexible with their time to participate fully in laboratory sessions, clinic visits, and internships. Most students are unable to maintain regular employment during enrollment in the program."*

**15. Can I transfer from another program?**

We do not accept transfer credits. New applicants and transfer students are considered based on the same criteria; consideration will not be given for courses taken as part of another physical therapy program.

**16. How do I know if a class I took is the same as a prerequisite?**

For questions concerning prerequisite equivalency please contact Brooks College of Health advising at 904-620-2812.

**17. What is the admissions process?**

You must apply to the Graduate School. Have all transcripts, test scores, and application materials sent directly to the Graduate School. After the Graduate School processes your application they will forward it to the Physical Therapy Program and the admissions committee will review each application. Please see our website for specific application instructions.

<http://www.unf.edu/brooks/athletic-physical/pt.html#anchorpt10>

**18. Do you accept students prior to the application deadline?**

Yes, we may accept well qualified students prior to the application deadline.

**19. Can I attend the program part-time or take night classes?**

No, this is a full-time program. Most classes are conducted Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm.

**20. If I change my address, where should it be sent?**

All address changes need to be completed through the OneStop offices at 904-620-5555.

**21. Do I need a Bachelors degree in PT?**

No.

**22. When is the application deadline?**

The application deadline generally falls on, or around, February 15th. Check the website for the exact date this year.

**23. When does a new class start?**

First year students begin in the fall.

**24. Do I have to complete all of my prerequisite courses before I can apply?**

No, feel free to apply before you complete all of your prerequisite courses. You may be considered for acceptance with a few missing courses as long as you successfully complete the missing courses prior to enrollment.